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SUBJECT: MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTS OF 1966 PALOMARES INCIDENT

REF: MADRID 5266

1. AMB MAY BE ASSURED ERDA AND DEPT FULLY SHARE SENSITIVITIES RE: POTENTIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPACT ON THIS MATTER.
2. BASED ON LATEST VISIT BY ERDA REP (IN JULY, DR. H.DAVIS BRUNER, MEDICAL SCIENCE ADVISER, DIVISION BIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH), THERE IS STRONG BASIS FOR BELIEVING THAT RECENT BODY-COUNT LEVELS ARE DUE TO MACHINE ERROR. TO CLARIFY THIS, ERDA'S LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LAB (DR. PHILIP DEAN, BIO-MEDICAL DIVISION) HAS BEEN PREPARING AND ASSEMBLING EQUIPMENT, COMPONENTS AND NEW STANDARDS NEEDED TO RESTORE WHOLE-BODY COUNTER IN MADRID TO PROPER OPERATION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT STANDARDS ARE READY AND WILL BE SHIPPED VERY SOON; THEY ARE TO BE SENT TO BRUNER FOR FORWARDING THROUGH
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DEPT POUCH TO JEN. DELIVERY TIMETABLE NOT YET PREDICTABLE

FOR OTHER COMPONENTS WHICH BEING READIED, PARTICULARLY NEW

POWER SUPPLY FOR A COUNTING TUBE. AT INSTALLATION TIME, ALL ELEMENTS OF COUNTER WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY MATCHED AND BALANCED DUE TO EXTREMELY HIGH SENSITIVITIES OF DETECTORS. ERDA EXPECTS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR DR. DEAN TO GO TO SPAIN TO ASSIST IN INSTALLATION, PROBABLY WITHIN A MONTH.

3. OTHER AREA OF DESIRED INSTRUMENTATION IMPROVEMENT IS FOR FIELD SURVEY. PURSUANT BRUNER DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. AMELIO IRANZO, CHIEF, JEN DIVISION MEDICINE AND PROTECTION, BRUNER SENDING HIM INFO FOR PURCHASE TWO FIDLER'S (FIELD INSTRUMENT FOR DETECTION OF LOW ENERGY RADIATION). GOAL IS SUCH PURCHASE IN TIME FOR USE IN JEN PLANNED RE-SURVEY, WHICH BRUNER UNDERSTANDS WOULD NOT LIKELY OCCUR BEFORE ABOUT NOVEMBER, WHEN WORKING CONDITIONS ARE BETTER. FYI: ERDA RECOGNIZES THERE MAY BE SOME PROBLEM FOR GOS TO PURCHASE BOTH FIDLER'S; ACCORDINGLY, ERDA EXPLORING INTERNALLY CONTINGENCY MATTER OF POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. END FYI.

4. ERDA GREATLY APPRECIATES AMBASSADOR'S OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AND FULL COOPERATION. WILL ADVISE RE DEVELOPMENTS THIS MATTER, WHICH BEING PURSUED DILIGENTLY. ROBINSON

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